

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

PRESENT: Chair Newman, Vice Chair Hernandez, Members Vega, Fanning, De Herrera, Perkins, and Thranow

STAFF PRESENT: Donesia Gause and Rahman Gerren

Chair Newman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Gardner spoke regarding personal gain. Bryan McGratta spoke regarding an investigation related to malfeasance. Kevin Dawson spoke regarding the history of the Code of Ethics.

CODE OF ETHICS WORKSHOP

Deputy City Attorney Rahman Gerren presented an overview of Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060.A - Use of Official Title or Position for Personal Gain Prohibited Conduct, as requested by the Board of Ethics members. No one spoke on the matter.

PRE-CONFERENCE

Chair Newman opened the pre-conference for the Code of Ethics complaint filed by Rich Gardner against Budget Engagement Commission Member Miles Ward alleging violation of RMC 2.78.060.A - Use of Official Title or Position for Personal Gain Prohibited Conduct.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Fanning and seconded by Chair Newman to find that the complaint complies with all the procedural requirements for the pre-conference to proceed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 6:20 p.m., for parties to convene a settlement discussion and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. with Chair Newman presiding and all Members present.

Both parties reached a settlement, thereby the complaint was dismissed, and no hearing was necessary.

USE OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL IN LIEU OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

There was no action taken at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

No updates were reported.

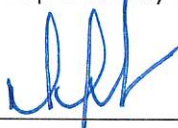
STAFF UPDATES

No updates were reported.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY BOARD OF ETHICS
Member Thranow requested discussion of establishing Ad Hoc Committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk